

**REMARKS**

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2006.

Claims 1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24-26, 28-30, and 33-34 are currently present in the above-identified application, with claims 1, 16, 17, 24 and 29 being independent. *No new matter has been added.*

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Double patenting rejection**

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action indicates that claims 1-3, 17-18, 21-22, 24-26, 28-30, 33 and 34 have been rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-11 and 13-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,605,341, as evidenced by the admitted prior art.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action indicates that claims 1-3, 17-18, 21-22, 24-26, 28-30, 33 and 34 have been rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 16-19, 22, 24-26, 28-30 and 33-34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,617,018, as evidenced by the admitted prior art.

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

While not conceding the propriety of this rejection and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, a terminal disclaimers have been filed along with this response.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

**Extensions of time**

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

**Fees**

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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